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## **Reimbursement of Sexual or Erectile Dysfunction Drugs and Products For Pulmonary Hypertension**

**\*REVISED\***

On December 22, 2005, an email was sent to all CCS medical directors and consultants advising that only Revatio® should be approved for treatment of pulmonary hypertension, beginning January 1, 2006.

In addition, beginning April 1, 2006, the following drugs were restricted: Viagra®<sup>1</sup>, Levitra®, and Cialis®.

These actions were taken to comply with federal legislation (HR 3971) that forbids federal funds for treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction and only allows for its FDA approved use and Welfare and Institutions Code 14132(d), precluding Medi-Cal coverage without federal financial participation.

To further prevent payment of claims disallowed through the Medi-Cal Program, effective September 14, 2007, the products for sexual or erectile dysfunction listed in the table below have been 'zero-priced'.

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<sup>1</sup> Viagra® and Revatio® have the same generic name, Sildenafil Citrate. CMSNET lists the NDC for brand Revatio® and Sildenafil Citrate Powder, only.

**Therefore, claims for these drugs and products will be denied for payment, even with prior authorization from CCS:**

Zero Priced Drugs	
Product Label Name	Product Generic Name
ACTIBINE 5 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
ACTIBINE 5MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
APHRODYNE 5.4 MG CAPLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
CAVERJECT 10 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 10 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 10 MCG/ML AMPUL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 20 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 20 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 20 MCG/ML AMPUL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 40 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 40 MCG/2 ML AMPUL	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT 5 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT IMPULSE 10 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
CAVERJECT IMPULSE 20 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
CIALIS 10 MG TABLET	TADALAFIL
CIALIS 20 MG TABLET	TADALAFIL
CIALIS 5 MG TABLET	TADALAFIL
DAYTO-HIMBIN 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
DAYTO-HIMBIN 5.4 MG/15 ML LIQ	YOHIMBINE HCL
EDEX 10 MCG CARTRIDGE KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 10 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 10 MCG REFILL PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 10 MCG STARTER PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 10 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 20 MCG CARTRIDGE KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 20 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 20 MCG REFILL PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 20 MCG STARTER PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 20 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 40 MCG CARTRIDGE KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 40 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 40 MCG REFILL PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 40 MCG STARTER PACK	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 40 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 5 MCG KIT	ALPROSTADIL
EDEX 5 MCG VIAL	ALPROSTADIL
EREX 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
LEVITRA 10 MG TABLET	VARDENAFIL HCL

Zero Priced Drugs	
Product Label Name	Product Generic Name
LEVITRA 2.5 MG TABLET	VARDENAFIL HCL
LEVITRA 20 MG TABLET	VARDENAFIL HCL
LEVITRA 5 MG TABLET	VARDENAFIL HCL
MEDEREK 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
MUSE 1,000 MCG URETHRAL SUPP	ALPROSTADIL
MUSE 125 MCG URETHRAL SUPPOS	ALPROSTADIL
MUSE 250 MCG URETHRAL SUPPOS	ALPROSTADIL
MUSE 500 MCG URETHRAL SUPPOS	ALPROSTADIL
PROHIM 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
SUPINA NR TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
TESTOMAR 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
THYBINE 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
THYBINE 5.4MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
THYBINE TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL/STRYCHNINE
VIAGRA 100 MG TABLET	SILDENAFIL CITRATE
VIAGRA 25 MG TABLET	SILDENAFIL CITRATE
VIAGRA 50 MG TABLET	SILDENAFIL CITRATE
VIRIL-LAM 5 MG/5 ML SOLUTION	YOHIMBINE HCL
VIRITAB 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOCON 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMAR DUOPACK TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL/ZINC SULFATE
YOHIMBINE 5 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMBINE 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMBINE 5.4MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMBINE 5MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMBINE HCL 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMEX 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOHIMEX PZ 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOMAN 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOVITAL 5.4 MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL
YOVITAL 5.4MG TABLET	YOHIMBINE HCL

Claims analysis has revealed that some counties continue to approve Viagra (sildenafil citrate), for payment after January 1, 2006. A list of claims will be sent to each involved CCS office for review. Please inform affected pharmacies that any outstanding SAR or legacy authorization for the above products will result in a denial of payment, even with prior authorization.

For pharmacy providers who are compounding sildenafil citrate solution with Viagra, there is a temporary work-around that can be used until December 27, 2008. Sildenafil Citrate Powder may be authorized and used to compound the solution:

NDC	Label Name	Generic Name	Legend Ind	Package Qty
63275996701	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	Y	1
63275996702	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	Y	5
63275996704	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	Y	25
63275996705	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	Y	100

### Addendum

On October 15, 2007, retroactive “zero-pricing” was made effective back to dates of service beginning July 20, 2006 to comply with AB 2885’s provisions.

Effective April 15, 2008, all drugs and products classified as belonging in the specific therapeutic category of DRUGS TO TREAT IMPOTENCY (includes the drugs/products in the above Zero Priced Drugs table) when assigned a new NDC, will automatically be assigned a non-benefit indicator by the Medi-Cal Program. Accordingly, **any CCS and GHPP claim billing zero-priced or non-benefit coded NDCs will deny payment, regardless of the presence of an approved SAR.**

Additional NDCs are now available to pharmacy providers (beyond the December 27, 2008, date of service as noted above) who will be compounding sildenafil citrate solution:

Product Number	Product Number Description	Generic Name	Package Size	Medi-Cal Billing Unit
51552117201	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	1	GRAMS
51552117202	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	5	GRAMS
51552117204	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	25	GRAMS
51552117205	SILDENAFIL CITRATE POWDER	SILDENAFIL CITRATE	100	GRAMS

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